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WHOOOOOSH

WE ARE REPORTING TO YOU LIVE FROM SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA. ABOVE ME IS A GATE THAT HAS COVERED THE SKIES ABOVE THE CITY...
THE GATE YOU ARE SEEING RIGHT NOW IS THE LARGEST ONE SINCE THE DAWN OF MAGIC BEASTS...
AS YOU CAN SEE, MANY RESIDENTS OF THE CITY HAVE COME OUTSIDE TO WITNESS THIS PHENOMENON. NONE OF THEM LOOK TOO HAPPY...
...THIS IS NICK POWELL FROM BBN NEWS, SIGNING OFF.
I RECENTLY BEGAN WARNING PEOPLE ABOUT THE LARGE VOLUMES OF MANA ACCUMULATING IN THE SKIES.

THE GIANT GATE OVER SEOUL IS JUST THE BEGINNING.
FROM HERE ON OUT, WE CAN EXPECT TO SEE THIS TERRIFYING GATE APPEAR IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES.
DO YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT THIS TYPE OF UNUSUAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OBSERVED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD AS WELL?
THAT'S PRECISELY THE POINT I WANT TO EMPHASIZE.

PROFESSOR,
YOU'VE BEEN RESEARCHING GATES AND BEASTS FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW.

WHAT DO YOU SUPPOSE IS THE WISEST WAY TO HANDLE THIS SITUATION?

WE MUST PRAY.

WE MUST PRAY THAT THIS UNPRECEDENTED EVENT DOESN'T END IN TRAGEDY.

WHOOSH

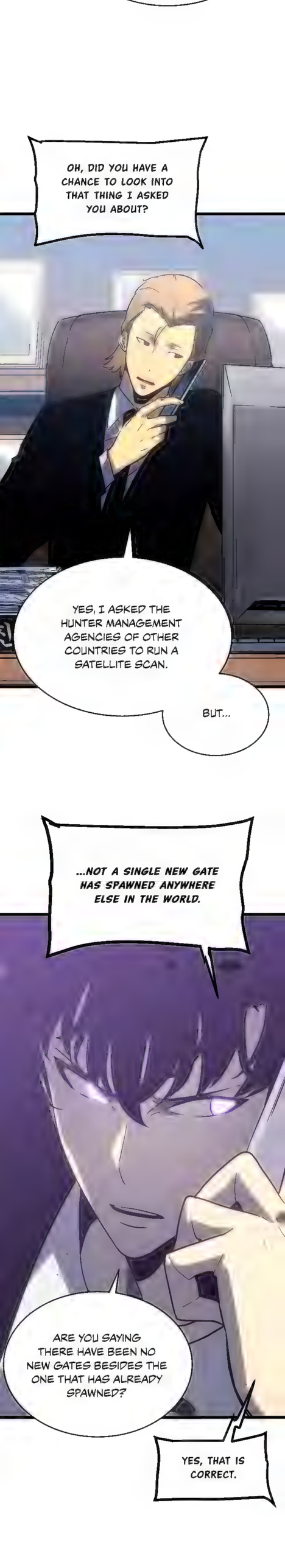
THAT'S WEIRD. I CAN'T ENTER THE GATE.
IT'S LIKE I'M BLOCKED OFF BY SOME SORT OF WALL...
IF IT WERE AN ORDINARY WALL, I WOULD'VE JUST BROKEN IT DOWN...
A GATE THAT CAN'T BE ENTERED BY AN AWAKENED BEING, HUH...?
I WONDER IF THE BEASTS INSIDE ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE ONES I'VE ENCOUNTERED SO FAR.

EITHER WAY, MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE DOWN THERE.
I'M NOT GOING TO LET WHATEVER'S INSIDE OFF EASY.

BZZZ

HELLO,
MR. WOO.
HELLO, MR. SUNG.
I'M HAVING TROUBLE
HEARING YOUR VOICE.
SHOULD I TRY CALLING
YOU AGAIN?
NO, IT'S BECAUSE
I'M SOMEWHERE UP
HIGH RIGHT NOW.

ALSO, I SHOULD
PROBABLY START
CALLING YOU CHAIRMAN
WOO FROM NOW ON.
PLEASE FEEL
FREE TO CALL ME
WHATEVER YOU'D
LIKE.
I STILL FEEL A
LITTLE AWKWARD ABOUT
THIS PROMOTION. IT'S
MUCH MORE THAN I
DESERVE.


OH, DID YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO LOOK INTO THAT THING I ASKED YOU ABOUT?
YES, I ASKED THE HUNTER MANAGEMENT AGENCIES OF OTHER COUNTRIES TO RUN A SATELLITE SCAN.
BUT...
...NOT A SINGLE NEW GATE HAS SPAWNED ANYWHERE ELSE IN THE WORLD.
ARE YOU SAYING THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW GATES BESIDES THE ONE THAT HAS ALREADY SPAWNED?
YES, THAT IS CORRECT.

IT'S BEEN THREE HOURS SINCE THIS ENORMOUS GATE APPEARED.

WHAT ARE THE ODDS OF ALL THE GATES AROUND THE WORLD DISAPPEARING AT THE SAME TIME?

...THIS ISN'T JUST A COINCIDENCE.

OUR PLAN IS TO START EVACUATING THE CIVILIANS LOCATED NEAR THE GATE.

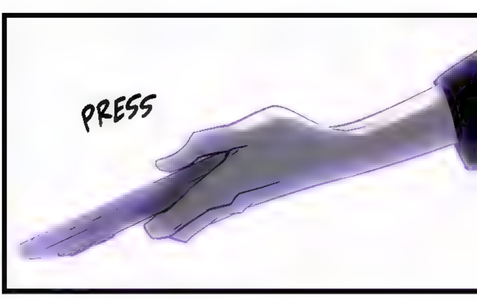
WE ARE GOING TO PROCEED WITH A STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH TO MITIGATE CHAOS.

WOO JINCHUL

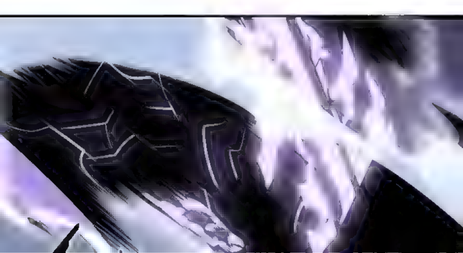
WHAT ABOUT YOU, MR. SUNG? WHAT IS YOUR PLAN?

...THOUGH WE DON'T KNOW WHAT TOMORROW HOLDS,

SOMEONE HAS TO PLANT THE APPLE TREE.



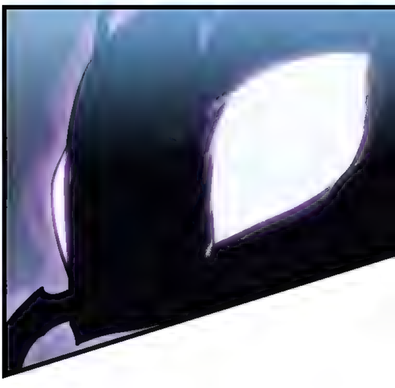
HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION
GYMNASIUM



SWOOSH
SWISH
SWISH

LUNGE
GRAB

FSHHH



ARE YOU REALLY GIVING IT YOUR ALL?

PULL

MY KING, HOW COULD I POSSIBLY...

IT'S FINE. I JUST WANT TO WORK UP A SWEAT.
AND YOU KNOW YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP ME DO THAT.
I, I AM DEEPLY MOVED AND HONORED BY YOUR WORDS...!
I FEEL LIKE YOUR VOCABULARY IS GROWING BY THE DAY... YOU DIDN'T EAT ANOTHER HUMAN, RIGHT?
ANYWAY,

LET'S GET STARTED.

KREEE
BERU LV. MAX!
RANK: COMMANDER
LEAP

YOU'RE PRETTY STRONG, NOW THAT YOU'RE A COMMANDER.

DODGE
DODGE
BUT DID YOU KNOW?
POW
IN AN ARMY,
THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE COMMANDER.

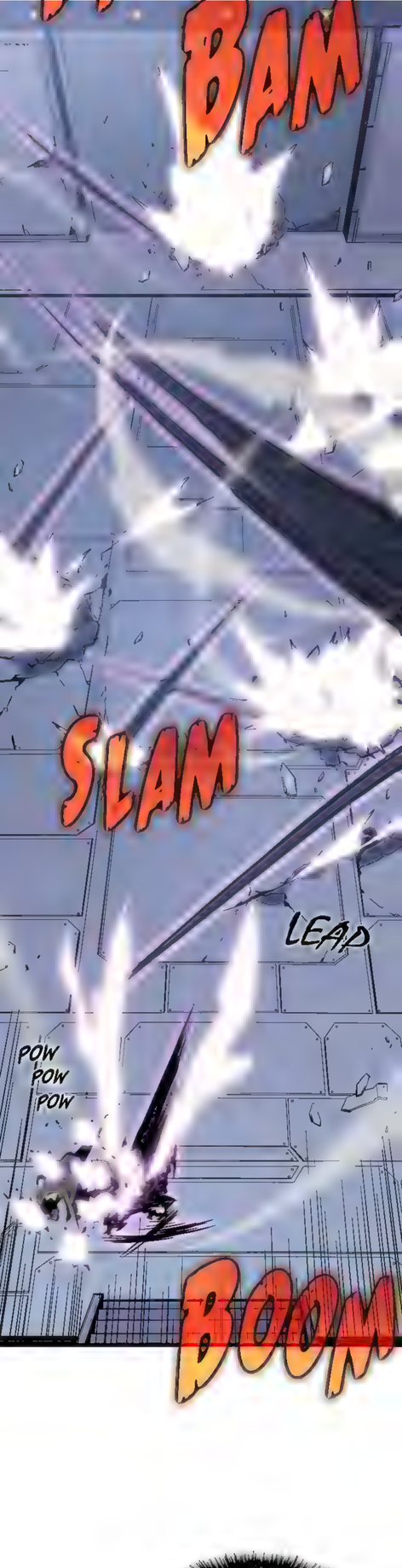
ONCE IGRIS AND GREED BECOME GENERALS, THEY'LL CATCH UP TO YOU IN NO TIME.

SO IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR POSITION TAKEN AWAY, YOU'D BETTER TRY HARDER.

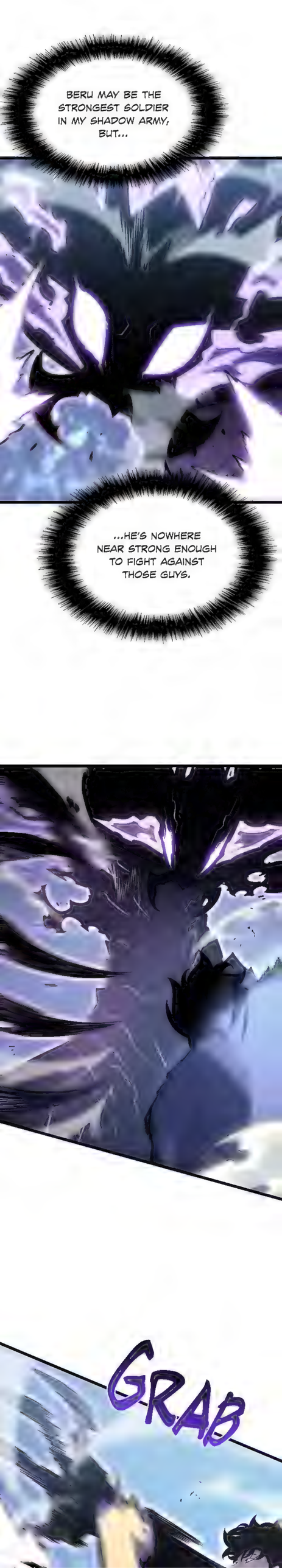
KREEEEE

DASH

BAM


BAM
SLAM
LEAD
POW
POW
POW
BOOM

THIS ISN'T ENOUGH.


BERU MAY BE THE STRONGEST SOLDIER IN MY SHADOW ARMY, BUT...
...HE'S NOWHERE NEAR STRONG ENOUGH TO FIGHT AGAINST THOSE GUYS.
GRAB

SMASH

WHOMP

CRASH

CRACK
CRAAACK

MY KING,
I, YOUR LOWLY
SERVANT...
...AM LEFT IN AWE
BY YOUR ALMIGHTY
POWER...
THUD

I THINK YOU SHOULD LAY OFF THOSE HISTORICAL DRAMAS FOR A WHILE.

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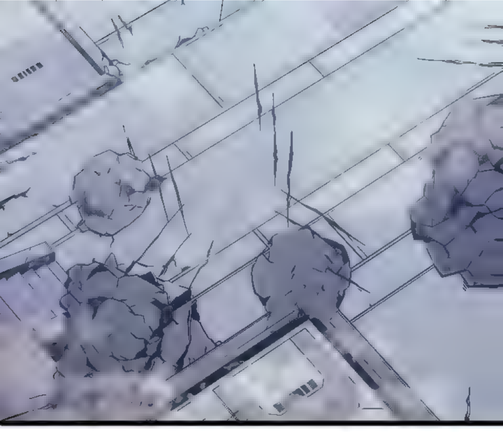
WELL, NOW THAT THE TEST IS OVER,
I NEED TO START CLEANING THIS PLACE UP...



A HOTEL IN SEOUL

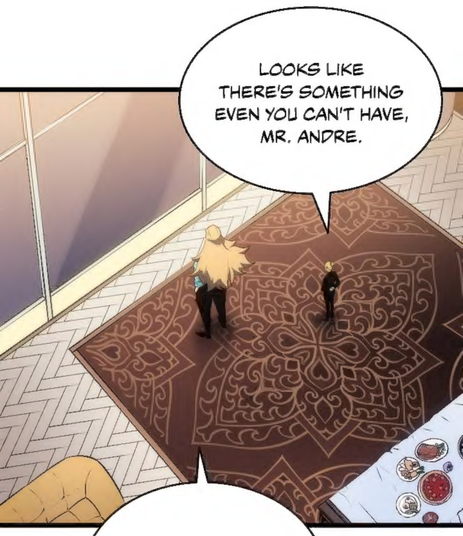
ARE YOU PLANNING TO STAY, MR. ANDRE?
HOW COULD I LEAVE BEHIND SOMETHING SO BIG AND BEAUTIFUL?

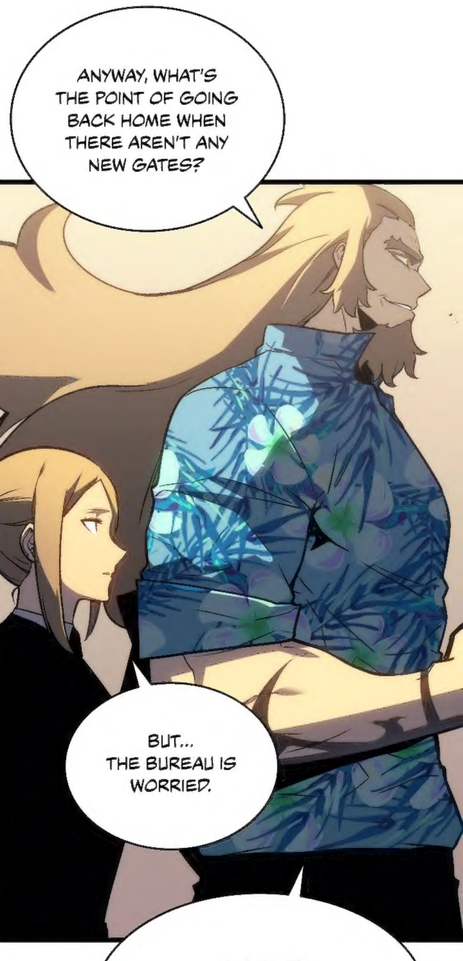
IT CERTAINLY IS BIG, BUT... "BEAUTIFUL"?
ALL THINGS THAT MAKE YOUR HEART FLUTTER ARE BEAUTIFUL.

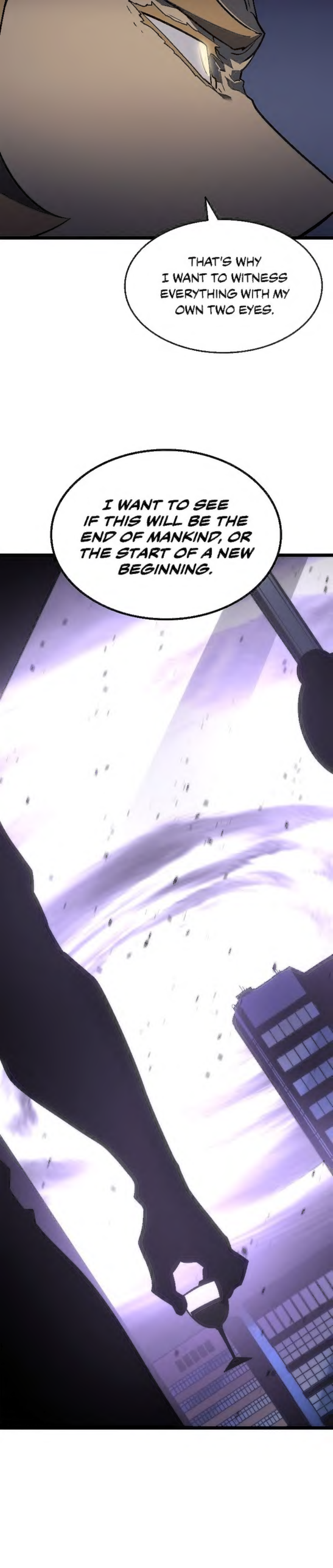
A FIRE-BREATHING DRAGON, THAT MASSIVE GATE, AND SUNG JINWOO'S POWER... THEY'RE ALL THINGS OF BEAUTY.

WHICH IS WHY I WANTED EVERYTHING...

...THAT WAS CONSIDERED BEAUTIFUL FOR MYSELF.


LOOKS LIKE THERE'S SOMETHING EVEN YOU CAN'T HAVE, MR. ANDRE.
YES, I DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS POSSIBLE.


ANYWAY, WHAT'S THE POINT OF GOING BACK HOME WHEN THERE AREN'T ANY NEW GATES?
BUT... THE BUREAU IS WORRIED.
WORRIED? GOOD ONE. THE SAFEST PLACE IN THE WORLD IS BY SUNG JINWOO'S SIDE.
BESIDES, THERE WON'T BE ANYTHING TO BE WORRIED ABOUT IF THIS GATE ISN'T STOPPED.


THAT'S WHY
I WANT TO WITNESS
EVERYTHING WITH MY
OWN TWO EYES.
I WANT TO SEE
IF THIS WILL BE THE
END OF MANKIND, OR
THE START OF A NEW
BEGINNING.

To Be Continued...

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